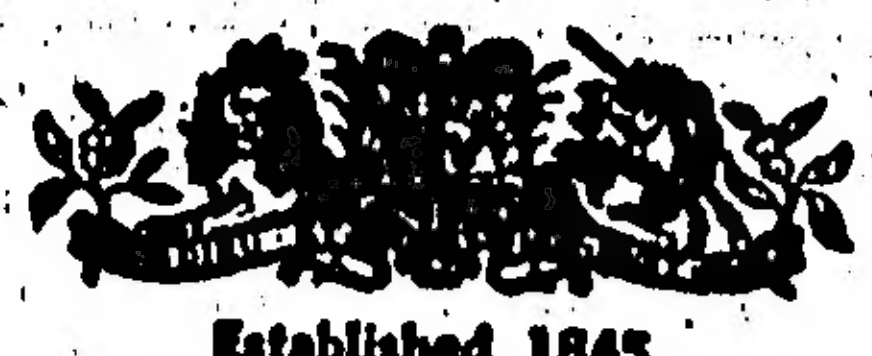


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Canal Proposals

THE Egyptian memorandum containing five proposals for the resumption of traffic through the Suez Canal is marked among other things, for its moderate, almost sober, wording. There is a clear endeavour to persuade the world of good intentions, notably Egypt's declaration that she is determined to "respect in letter and spirit" the 1888 Convention. At first sight the Egyptian proposals do not impress themselves as being objectionable. What is noticeable, however, is that the memorandum makes no reference to negotiations and studiously ignores the Security Council's six-point resolution of last October which specifically called for a negotiated agreement between Egypt and the users of the Canal.

By the terms of the document Egypt reserves for herself the right to administer the Canal, to collect the dues, or alternatively to nominate an Authority to do so, and to carry out maintenance work. And all these rights and responsibilities Egypt proposes to assume forthwith, bypassing an interim settlement which the Western powers have proposed.

THE memorandum, by inference rather than in actual statement, rejects the proposals advanced by Britain, France and the United States that until a final agreement on the operation of the Canal is reached, the World Bank should collect Canal dues. Nevertheless it is significant that Egypt reserves the right to nominate a body to collect dues on her behalf, thus not wholly alarming the door on the proposition that the World Bank should act as the collecting and handling agent. This suggests an effort to win in particular American sympathy for the Egyptian plan.

Timing of the release of the memorandum also bears some importance. It has been made public on the eve of the Bermuda talks where without doubt it must figure in the deliberations between President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan. Moreover it must be the hope of Colonel Nasser that Mr Eisenhower will be impressed with what appears to be reasonable proposals and will urge upon the British Prime Minister their acceptance. If the document does win the sympathy of the American President the discussions at Bermuda may become rather more forthright than anticipated.

EGYPT expressed determination to respect fully the 1888 Convention implies that providing she is allowed to enjoy full control over the Canal, the waterway will remain open for all shipping. And it can be noted that the memorandum contains no reference to the possibility of interfering with the rights of Israel or any other nation to the use of the Canal. But it would be unwise to draw hard and fast conclusions from this.

Egypt insists that she is still in a state of war with Israel and while that pertains, she must maintain her policy of denying Israeli shipping right to use the Canal. Egypt herself does not envisage immediate ending of the state of war, but she does "obviously" expect to assume working control of the Canal when it has been cleared for all types of ships. In such a situation it would be impossible for Egypt to honour to the full her obligations under the 1888 Convention.

There does appear to be opportunity for negotiations based on the Egyptian memorandum, but its unqualified acceptance by the principal users of the Canal is highly improbable. The whole subject may yet have to be tossed back to the UN Security Council.

MACMILLAN LEAVES FOR BERMUDA

Meeting With Eisenhower They Meet Here

Can Lay Foundations To Solve Future Problems

London, Mar. 19. Mr Harold Macmillan left here tonight for his four-day Bermuda talks with President Eisenhower declaring his confidence that a "great deal" would be gained from the meeting.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, and the United States Ambassador to London, Mr John Whitney, was flying through the night in a British Overseas Airways Corporation Stratocruiser.

The plane is scheduled to arrive at Bermuda at 1000 hours local time (1400 GMT) tomorrow after a short refuelling stop at Gander, Newfoundland.

Mr Macmillan will confer with the President between Thursday and Sunday and will then meet Mr Louis St Laurent, the Canadian Prime Minister, before flying home on March 27. Mr Macmillan, who was seen off by Mr R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, told reporters at London Airport he was looking forward to the talks for two reasons.

"The first is that it is a great thing we are having this meeting on British soil—one of the oldest British possessions of the Crown," he said.

"Then it will be very nice to meet a very old friend. I have known him since the days of the war, when I worked at his headquarters as British Resident Minister."

"We had a lot of very tough problems to deal with and we made great friends."

TALK FRANKLY

"One of the advantages of friendship is that you can talk frankly among friends."

"This is one occasion when the British will be quite frank, and I feel sure the Americans will be quite frank about what they feel."

"Partnership and friendship are the basis of frankness."

"I am confident a great deal will be gained by this meeting, because it will be in the spirit of friends who have worked together in difficult times in the past, and who are trying to work together in the difficult times of today."

"I never believe these meetings achieve solutions to all the great problems, but you can lay the foundation for a solution to the problems as they come up week by week and month by month."

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NO BAN ON HK GLOVES

London, Mar. 19. The President of the British Board of Trade, Sir David Eccles, has decided not to restrict imports of knitted and fabric gloves from Hongkong, the National Association of Glove Manufacturers announced today.

Sir David in a letter had told them: "Hongkong is a colony and we do not impose a protective tariff upon imports from one of Her Majesty's colonies."

"Still less could we consider departing from the long standing policy not to impose quota restrictions in order to protect a United Kingdom industry from colonial competition," he added.

Mr John Peyton, Conservative member of Parliament for Yeovil, whose constituency includes a large section of the glove-making industry, stated today that he considered the letter "unsatisfactory."

Imports of knitted gloves have soared in the past two years and now grossed the total British production, according to the Association.—Reuter.

And In America

No Evasion Of Quota By Japanese

Washington, Mar. 19. Cotton goods made in Hongkong from Japanese fabric and shipped to the United States are not considered an evasion of Japan's voluntarily imposed export quota on apparel and other cotton items, the Commerce Department disclosed today.

Mr Harold McClellan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, said the Department had investigated a number of reports that shirts, gloves and other goods were being made in Hongkong of Japanese fabric and being exported to the United States to evade the quota.

He said the Department had found the Japanese were not violating the agreement to restrict their cotton exports to the United States. He pointed out that, since the finished goods were produced in Hongkong, that was the country of origin, not Japan.—United Press.

19 THOUGHT DEAD IN AIR CRASH

La Paz, Mar. 19. Nineteen people were today believed to have been killed when a DC-3 Bolivian commercial airplane crashed in the mountains between Chicham and Oruro over the weekend. The plane was carrying 18 passengers and three crew members. The crew of a search plane, sighted the burned out debris of the aircraft and reported they saw no signs of life.—France-Press.

Algiers, Mar. 19. A military tribunal today sentenced to death four Algerians for planting two time bombs at two city football stadiums on February 10 which killed 18 persons and wounded 80 others.

Three persons were acquitted.—United Press.

RED DISARMAMENT SHIFT? May Tolerate Troops In West Germany

London, Mar. 19. Russia's newest disarmament blueprint has indicated Soviet willingness to tolerate American and British troops in West Germany after years of opposition, Western sources said today.

Immediate abandonment of "all foreign bases" has been a key point to Soviet disarmament proposals in past years, but the text of the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister's address to the UN Disarmament Subcommittee yesterday indicated a possible shift.

In one section, Western experts said, he repeated the call to both East and West to relinquish foreign bases—a call which the West has always interpreted as a demand for US withdrawal from Europe.

ESCAPEE ASKS FOR MEAL

London, Mar. 19. A prisoner who escaped from Dartmoor, gave himself up to an English housewife, the wife of a colonel, today.

Harper G. Woodward, who escaped from Dartmoor several days ago, rang the doorbell of Mrs Joan Phayre this morning. He said he was the criminal the police were hunting, adding that he was dying of hunger and wished to give himself up.

Mrs Phayre called her son, an artillery major, who watched Woodward while his mother telephoned to the police. Before they arrived, the hungry prisoner ate a hearty breakfast prepared by his hostess.

Woodward's cell-mate, N. Ellis, who escaped with him at the same time, was recaptured on Sunday not far from Colonel Phayre's home.—France-Press.

PALESTINE ARMY TO RETURN

Cairo, Mar. 19. Preparations are underway for the return into the Gaza zone of the "Palestine Army", formed of Palestine Arab refugees, informed quarters in Cairo stated today.

The decision to send the Palestine army back into Gaza formed part of the Egyptian Government's programme to restore the conditions that existed in that territory before the Israeli attack last October, the same quarters said.

No action would be taken before Hammarskjöld's visit so as not to embarrass the Secretary-General in his talks with the Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser.—France-Press.

Swam Over 200 Miles

Buenos Aires, Mar. 19. Antonio Abertondo, 33, struggled exhaustedly out of the River Parana here today after swimming the 203 nautical miles (about 240 miles) downstream from Rosales City in 81 hours.

A cheering crowd of 10,000 welcomed him as he staggered onto dry land, kissed his waiting wife and went to rest in the riverside police station.

Abertondo—known as "the bull of the Parana River"—the first man to swim from city-to-city, succeeded after 10 failures, the last just a fortnight ago.—China Mail Special.

London, Mar. 19. A Labour member, Mr William Warbey, asked in the House of Commons today what plans the Government had for arming the British forces in Southeast Asia with nuclear weapons.

Mr Duncan Sandys, Minister of Defence, replied: "I have no statement to make on this subject."—Reuter.

DEATH PENALTY BILL PASSED

London, Mar. 19. A GOVERNMENT bill to re-introduce the death penalty in Britain to types of murder likely to endanger public order was passed by the House of Lords tonight.

As it has already been passed by the House of Commons, it now only requires the formal Royal signature to become law.

The types of murder which will still carry the death penalty

Ben-Gurion Warns Nasser

New York, Mar. 19. Newsweek magazine today published an interview with Mr David Ben-Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, in which he is quoted as saying that "if (President) Nasser tries to block our historic and legal passage into the Gulf of Aqaba we will meet him not at a peace table, but elsewhere with our armies."

Mr Ben-Gurion gave the interview to Newsweek's correspondent in Tel Aviv on Saturday.

The correspondent, Curtis Pepper, quoted Mr Ben-Gurion as saying he would prefer "to sit down with leaders of the Arab world and work out a settlement that would end the unremitting eye-for-an-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth Middle Eastern struggle."

But he saw little chance of that happening, the report added. "Nasser is irrevocably dedicated to the destruction of Israel," he said.—Reuter.

Gun Battle

Tel Aviv, Mar. 19. An Israeli army spokesman said tonight that an Israeli patrol and a band of armed Jordanians had fought a one-hour gun battle earlier today.

The spokesman said the gun battle occurred in the Mount Hebron area, south of Jerusalem. There were no Israeli casualties.

He said the Jordanians had crossed into Israeli territory near Elz Yair, leading a herd of cattle.

The Israeli patrol attempted to drive the herd off Israeli soil and came under Jordanian fire.—Reuter.

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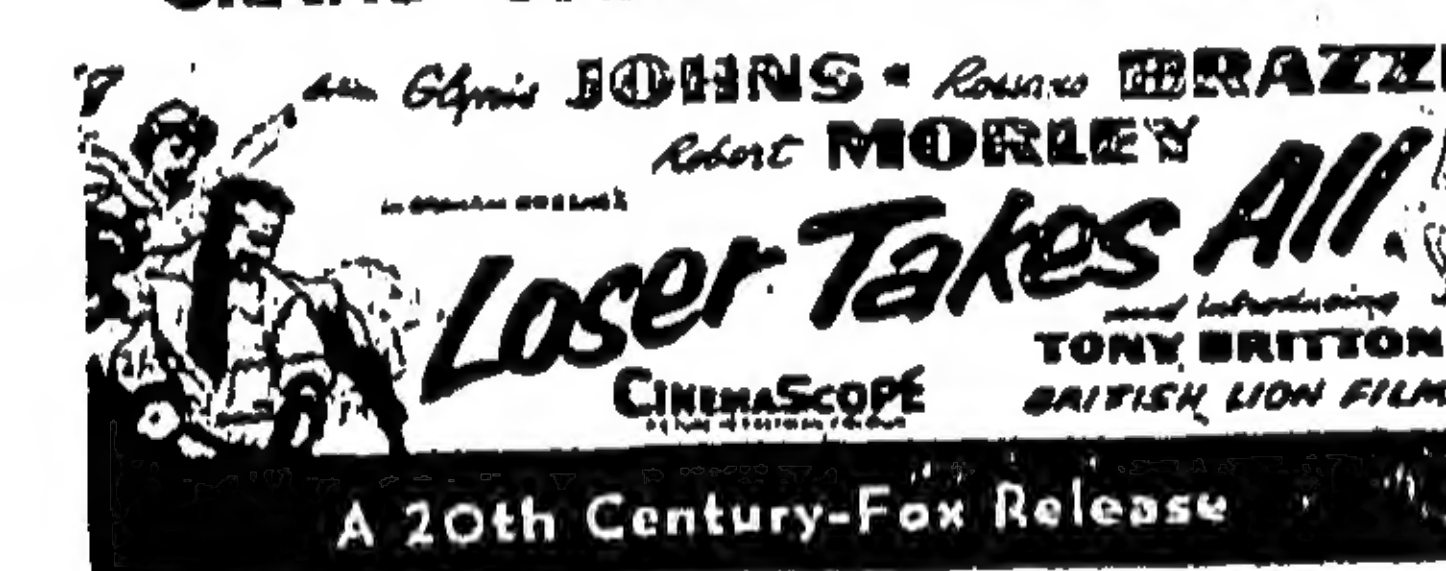


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HE GETS A SHARE OF CAROL'S FORTUNE

London, Mar. 20.
One thousand love letters from King Carol of Rumania to his first wife "Zizi" helped the son of that marriage, a 37-year-old refugee, to win the title of Prince — and a fortune running into several hundred thousand pounds.

—And A Flashback—



King Carol, at Bermuda, on his way to exile in Cuba.

YES, A WONDERFUL RESPONSE

Singapore, Mar. 19.
Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, V. C., the British war-time bomber pilot and peacetime charity worker, said today there has been a "wonderful response" to his plan to build a home for the incurably sick in Singapore.

Group Captain Cheshire told reporters before he flew to Bombay that the people of Singapore are among the most charity-minded in Asia.

A villa for this island Colony's first Cheshire home has already been made available.—Reuter.

Arms Talks

London, Mar. 19.
The United Nations Disarmament Subcommittee, meeting today to decide on future procedure, adopted a Soviet proposal to begin tomorrow with a general discussion on disarmament problems.—France-Press.

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Why Did Ben-Gurion Change His Mind?

Washington, Mar. 19.

What made Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel give in three weeks ago to demands that Israeli forces quit the Gaza and Gulf of Aqaba areas, a decision he is said to have regretted soon after.

Was it fear of economic sanctions? A realization that Israel could not stand up against the world? A decision to yield in the hope that Israel's security claims will get a more sympathetic hearing from the U.S. in the future?

According to one story going the rounds in diplomatic circles here, it was none of these nor a combination of them. If this version is correct—and only Ben-Gurion can know—the real reason was the Israeli politician's extraordinary personal faith in President Eisenhower, dating back to a conversation he had with him in Germany in 1948.

At that time, so this account says, the newly liberated German and other Jewish displaced persons in the country were being a "pain in the neck" to the American occupation authorities.

A PLEA

They were being offered occupations and land to fill. Everything possible was being done to reintegrate them into German life. Instead the Jewish DP's were indulging in black-market trading, and other forms of lawlessness. Ben-Gurion went to Germany from Israel to plead with Eisenhower on their behalf. He had prepared a little speech, pointing out that the European Jews had gone through horror, that six million of their kind had been exterminated, that many of the younger people had spent half their lives in concentration camps—that, in short, their only hope lay in a new life in Israel.

Ben-Gurion began his plea but had not gone very far when Eisenhower broke him off, saying that he was labouring his point.

DUMBFOUNDED

General Eisenhower, according to the story, said that if he were one of those DP's he would behave exactly the same way—and went on to speak of the plight of the Jewish DP's with such understanding and compassion that Ben-Gurion was dumbfounded.

Those who placed credence in this version said that Ben-Gurion remained half-hearted about the assurances offered by Secretary of State Mr. Dulles in return for an Israeli withdrawal, and at one critical point may have even taken back his withdrawal promise—but that when he received a personal appeal from President Eisenhower on March 2 his reservations were swept away.—United Press.

Lure For Chinese Students

Singapore, Mar. 19.
Communist China is offering a tempting proposition to Indonesian Chinese students in an attempt to persuade them to take their higher studies in China, an official source said today.

The source said Communist China was offering three-year scholarships to Indonesian Chinese students in addition to first class passage to and from China, provided the students could obtain permission to return to Indonesia after their education.

Communist China had recently spent \$320,000 on first class passages for 68 Indonesian Chinese students from Singapore to Hongkong aboard an Italian luxury liner.

Some 3,400 Chinese students have applied for Ye-entry visas to Diakarta and were awaiting their turn to leave for Communist China, it was stated.

Whaling Talks

Oslo, Mar. 20.
Representatives of Britain, Holland, Norway, and Japan met today to discuss Norway's proposal that neutral observers should be stationed on whaling expeditions in the Antarctic.

Norway's proposal is intended as an effective guarantee against illegal whaling—China Mail Special.

ANTARCTIC REFRIGERATOR Cheese Is Still Edible After 45 Years 'On Ice'

The Hague, Mar. 19.

A piece of Edam cheese, returned to its native Netherlands today after having spent 45 years in the Antarctic, a bit old but perfectly edible.

The cheese, which had been taken to the Antarctic by the Shackleton and Scott expedition in 1912, and left in a supply base, was recently discovered by explorers.—France-Press.

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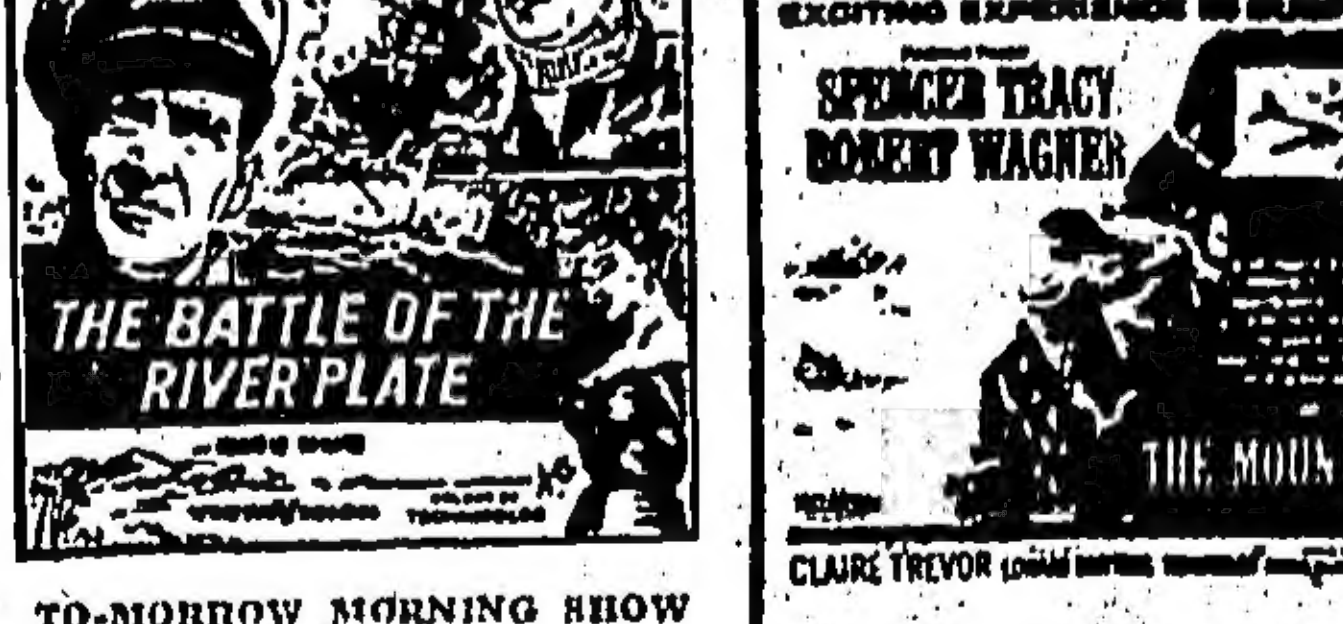


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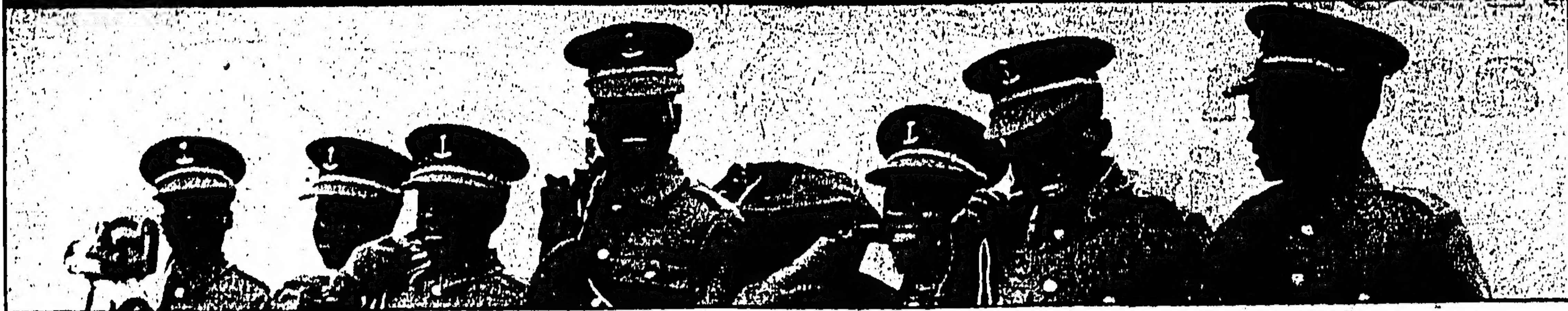


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THEY'RE HAPPY TO BE IN THE ARMY



IKE TO ASK FOR BIG STAND-BY FUND

\$400 Million Demand May Be Put Before Congress

Washington, Mar. 19.

President Eisenhower plans to ask Congress for a special foreign aid fund of about \$400 million for emergency projects.

BRITISH FIRM SHARES ATOMIC PLANT CONTRACT

London, Mar. 19.

A British and an American company announced today that they will build the world's first "boiling water-type" nuclear power plant for a German power company (Rheinische-Westfälische Elektrizitätswerke) on the River Rhine.

Britain's Mitchell Engineering, Ltd., said it will construct the £1,750,000 plant in co-operation with a subsidiary of the American Machine and Foundry Corp. of New York. The site is expected to be between Düsseldorf and Cologne.

A spokesman for Mitchell said the plant will develop 15 megawatts of electric power. Construction is to begin in July with completion scheduled for the second half of 1959.

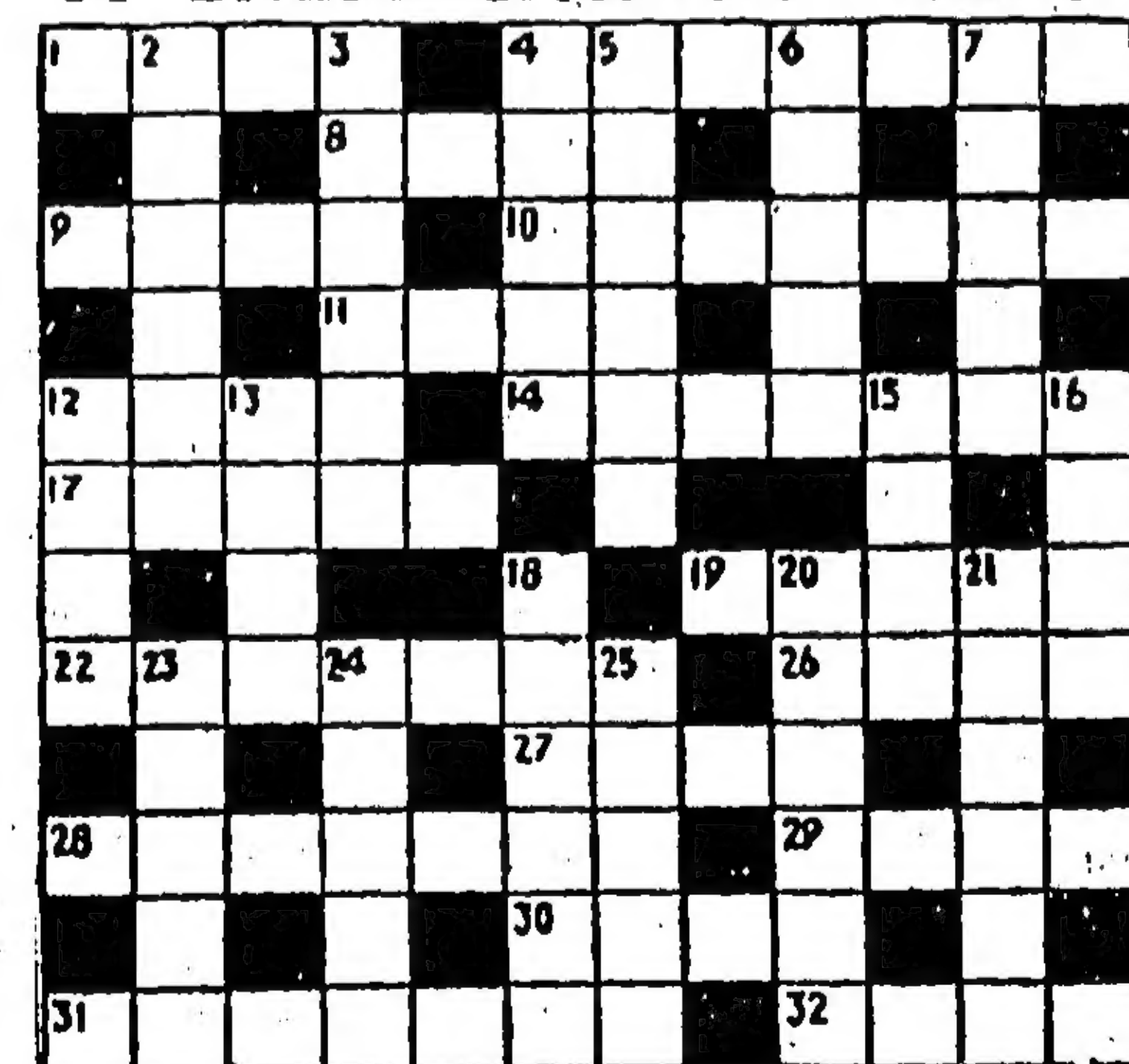
URANIUM SUPPLY

This will make West Germany the world's third nation with full-size atomic power plants. Britain already has one in operation and seven under consideration. The first American plant is due for completion by 1958.

A.M.F. Atomic, Inc., a subsidiary of American Machine and Foundry, will supply the uranium for the submerged-core type reactor.

Presumably the fuel will come from the American Atomic Energy Commission under President Eisenhower's atom-for-peace plan.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Fit of the shivers (4).
 - 4 Pop the question (7).
 - 8 Unrestricted (4).
 - 9 The love of those fond of veal (4).
 - 10 Ghost (7).
 - 11 Card stake (4).
 - 12 Tale of heroism (4).
 - 14 Banger (7).
 - 17 Flower (5).
 - 18 Solitary (5).
 - 22 Mourns (7).
 - 25 Grew old (4).
 - 27 Repose (4).
 - 28 Bird of prey (7).
 - 29 Consumes (4).
 - 30 Dash (4).
 - 31 Lucky charms (7).
 - 32 Fastened (4).
- DOWN**
- 2 Clutches (6).
 - 3 Obliterate (6).
 - 4 Nuisances (5).
 - 5 Say again (6).
 - 6 Makes one's choice of tools (5).
 - 7 Seton (5).
 - 10 Nobleman (4).
 - 11 Detail (4).
 - 13 Eager (4).
 - 15 Surveyed (4).
 - 16 Thoroughfare (6).
 - 20 Hidden (6).
 - 21 Cuddle up (6).
 - 23 Abreast (5).
 - 24 Laid (5).
 - 25 Disposes of (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Repent, 5 Robot, 8 Viper, 9 Muslim, 10 Cider, 11 Dives, 12 Need, 13 Doses, 16 Sorrows, 18 Byades, 20 Ended, 22 Paul, 23 Edges, 25 Stars, 26 Rubbed, 27 Enter, 28 Sheds, 29 Defend, Down: 1 Ruminates, 2 Postured, 3 Avid, 4 Limited, 5 Recedes, 6 Orison, 7 O.B.P., 14 Separate, 15 Secluded, 16 Eulogies, 17 Reversed, 19 Veered, 21 Notch, 24 Sire.

Hungarian Delegation Going To Moscow

Budapest, Mar. 20.

The Hungarian Government last night announced that an eight-man delegation led by the Prime Minister Janos Kadar, will leave for Moscow today "to start negotiations with the Soviet Communist Party and Government."

It was believed in Western diplomatic circles that the talks would follow the lines of other recent "solidarity" meetings between Soviet Communist leaders and party chiefs from East European countries.

Economic Aid

Observers said they expected the discussions would produce an agreement on Russian long-term economic aid and a formula for retaining Soviet troops in Hungary.

Soviet-Hungarian trade talks have been going on for several weeks in Budapest and Moscow.—China Mail Special.

Tai Ping Cannons Found

London, Mar. 19.

Three 100-year-old cannons have been discovered in Anhwei province, according to the New China News Agency today. They belonged to the period of the Tai Ping revolution.

One of the three cannons weighed 361 kg. and bore the inscription "Tai Ping sacred cannon" as well as the year, 1853, and the place, Anhwei province, where the three cannons were made.—Reuter.

Hungary To Celebrate

Budapest, Mar. 19.

The 38th anniversary of the 1919 Bela Kun revolution will be officially celebrated in Hungary next Thursday. It was announced here today. Kun was a leading Hungarian Communist.—France-Press.

JAPAN'S ALARMING INCIDENCE OF MENTAL DISORDERS

By BRIAN KENNEDY

One in every 70 Japanese suffers from some kind of mental disorder, according to estimates quoted in a Japanese Ministry of Welfare white paper.

About 1,300,000 Japanese are considered psychotic, it says, and in need of immediate medical treatment. About 450,000 suffer from such mental diseases as split personality, epilepsy, and disorders caused by venereal disease.

A total of 580,000 persons are classified as weak-minded and another 270,000 persons suffer from intoxicative alienation and other minor mental disorders. A Ministry of Health spokesman, commenting on the white paper, said the number of mental institutions in Japan was totally inadequate.

He complained that many qualified psychiatrists prefer to set up private practices in the large cities, he declared, "waste their talents on non-existent neuroses among wealthy patients."

Only 200 mental institutions in Japan, he added, could be considered qualified to treat mental patients. These have 37,044 beds and were adequately staffed with modern equipment and trained attendants.

In addition, some general hospitals maintained mental wards, but the number of beds available from this source did not exceed 9,000. An official of the Ministry of Justice said that more than 40,000 persons have been confined to mental asylums by law since 1926. But many families were reluctant to place mentally damaged relatives in an institution, such a step is bound to cast some reflection on the family.

Yes! Smiling and happy are these seven Nigerian and Ghanaian recruits at the British Army Apprentices' School at Harrogate. They are aged 15 to 17 and are the second intake of boys from Africa to go to the school. There are 40 Burmese boys there too.—C.O.I. Photo.

America Needs Army That Is 'Harder-hitting'

Washington, Mar. 19.

The Association of the U.S. Army today attacked the Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, for his guided missiles policies and called for a "harder hitting" Army as essential to American security.

The Association is composed of Army veterans and other supporters and includes regular Army personnel as non-voting members. Its president is John Slezak, former Army Undersecretary.

The Association set forth its views in a 30-page document entitled "The Security of the Nation—A Study of Current Problems of National Defence." The document called for elimination of Mr. Wilson's controversial ban on Army development of ballistic missiles with a range of more than 200 miles. It also challenged restrictions Mr. Wilson has placed on the size of aeroplanes which the Army can use.

CHALLENGE

Challenging current U.S. strategic concepts, the Association said that "massive retaliation" was no longer the "official policy of our country" but the Defence Department nonetheless still put major reliance on air-atomic forces. "The Association of the U.S. Army supports strongly the view that we require a much greater capability for measured retaliation, a flexibility that will permit us selectively to apply force appropriate to the situation or in a word to make the punishment fit the crime," said the document.

It said that in view of the greater likelihood of small wars than large ones, the United States "cannot rely preponderantly on nuclear weapons as the basic means of exerting our military power." It said the Middle East, Western Europe, Greece, Turkey and other areas around Russia were trouble spots where little wars could break out and nuclear weapons would be impracticable.—United Press.

Papers Dearer

New York, Mar. 19.

Hearst's New York Journal American became the second of the city's afternoon newspapers today to increase its price to 10 cents a copy. The World-Telegram brought its price to 10 cents from the former five cents yesterday.—United Press.

'ONE OF THE GREAT WOMEN

Of The Century'

Singapore, Mar. 19.

American scholar Miss Valerie Smith, who has been on Formosa gathering material for a book, said today Madame Chiang Kai-shek is one of this century's great women.

Miss Smith, a Fulbright lecturer in Geography at the Peshawar University in Pakistan, said Madame Chiang's belief that women should devote time to welfare and social work is an "inspiration for women of other lands." Miss Smith leaves Singapore on Thursday for Chicago.—Reuter.

UN Quest Is Peace In Mideast

Washington, Mar. 19.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Francis Wilcox, said today the United States was still seeking through the United Nations the basis for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Wilcox said the UN was "the best hope we have for peace with justice" and added that it was sound common sense to make this the cornerstone for a sound creative foreign policy.

He was addressing the National Council of Jewish Women in the United States.

He said that results already achieved by the United Nations in the Middle East were encouraging, considering the circumstances. But he warned that the road ahead was long and difficult.

BASIC PROBLEM

He said the United Nations had succeeded in bringing about a cease-fire, and the withdrawal of armed forces from the area, and that the clearance of the Suez Canal is in sight.

It remained to find a solution of the basic problems which gave rise to the present crisis, Mr. Wilcox said.

He added that there would be no lasting peace in the Middle East until the problems of the Israeli-Arab frontiers, refugees, and the development of natural resources in the area were settled.—France-Press.

Royal Pardon

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The Shant today granted a royal pardon to 110 former officers convicted of membership in the illegal Tsuchi Party organization.

All have had their sentences remitted and are scheduled to be released on March 20.—United Press.

IKE SEES HOW A-BOMB WILL BE DROPPED

ON BOARD THE U.S.S. WILLIAM S. WOOD, MAR. 18.

President Eisenhower today came under a mock atom bomb attack while watching a 20-minute firing exercise by Jet Furies and Banshees and conventional Skyraider fighters.

The President, on his way to Bermuda for his conference with Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, saw the attack being made on the Canberra, a guided missile cruiser which has been the "floating White House" since Thursday night.

During the exercise, the "over the shoulder" bombing technique—used for A-bomb attacks—was demonstrated. The plane makes a fast low approach, then a sudden vertical ascent over the target, drops the bomb while the nose is still pointing upward, rolls over and away, and escapes the blast.

An official medical report from the Canberra said that the President's ear inflammation had cleared up completely and that he had no symptoms of a cold.

Getting Better

The report by Major General Howard Snyder, the President's personal physician, added that "he does, however, have and will have, probably for some time, an occasional cough, although it is improving each day."

Mr. James Hagerly, the presidential press secretary, added "his physical condition is excellent. The cruise has done him a lot of good."—Reuter.

Nehru Wins More Seats In Elections

Bombay, Mar. 19.

The ruling Indian Congress today won a further 20 seats in the House of the People (lower house of Parliament) raising its total to 242—just nine short of the number required for an absolute majority.

So far only 318 of the 600 seats in the House have been declared; the other 70 are shared by the Communist Party and allies 20, Praja-Socialist party 12, Socialist party of India 6, other parties 22 and independents 10.

In the concurrent elections to the State Assemblies, the Congress party has won 1,073 of the 2,556 seats declared so far. The strength of the other parties is: Communist party and allies 101, Praja-Socialist party 174, Socialist party of India 35, the rightist Jan Sangh 44, the rightist Ganatantra Parishad 46, other splinter parties 187, independents 245.—Reuter.

French Warn

Tunis, Mar. 19.

The French Embassy in Tunis today warned the Tunisian Government that the French delegation would not attend the celebrations marking Tunisia's first year of independence if top-ranking Algerian rebel leader, Ferhat Abbas, was among the official guests.—France-Press.

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"Dev"—rides again in Dublin



EAMON DE VALERA—on Irish Institution

DE VALERA is an institution rather than a man: At 74, his body must struggle to keep up with his mind and his eyesight has faded.

Gaunt and austere he tramps through the countryside in a black coat, almost black tie, a black hat and a stiff gleaming white collar. He looks like an apparition from the long dead past.

Sometimes, too, he talks like one. He lectures the farmers in gentle but firm tones, reminding them of the great dream that was to be Ireland, urging that it is the things of the spirit that matter. It was for the spirit that he stood at the barricades in the uprising that became a massacre in 1916.

by
Les Armour

Shy Scotsmen's Courting Club

SO many teenagers in Dundee, Scotland, want to learn about sex and marriage that a "courting couples' club" is being formed in the city. Behind the plan is Mrs. Mhairi Lane, a housewife who is organising secretary of girls and mixed clubs in the Dundee area.

The "courting club" will be the first of its kind in Scotland. Says Mrs. Lane: "The new club will answer the questions of older boys and girls who have reached the stage of 'going steady'."

"They tend to drift away from their own youth clubs because they can't be

bothered any more with a noisy mass of teenagers.

"But they need to be told about sex."

Mrs. Lane talked about the shy courting couples of Dundee. A questionnaire sent round her clubs recently showed that the subjects which interested the youngsters most of all were sex education and marriage and family relations. Yet, when the local marriage council started a course this year for engaged couples, only one boy and girl turned up.

Mrs. Lane, who is a marriage guidance councillor, said: "It seems that the couples are put off by the seeming formality of the council courses—so we're going to make this new club an informal affair."

"We'll give talks on home decorating, running repairs,

budgeting and that sort of thing—but the main business will be discussions on sex led by marriage guidance councillors."

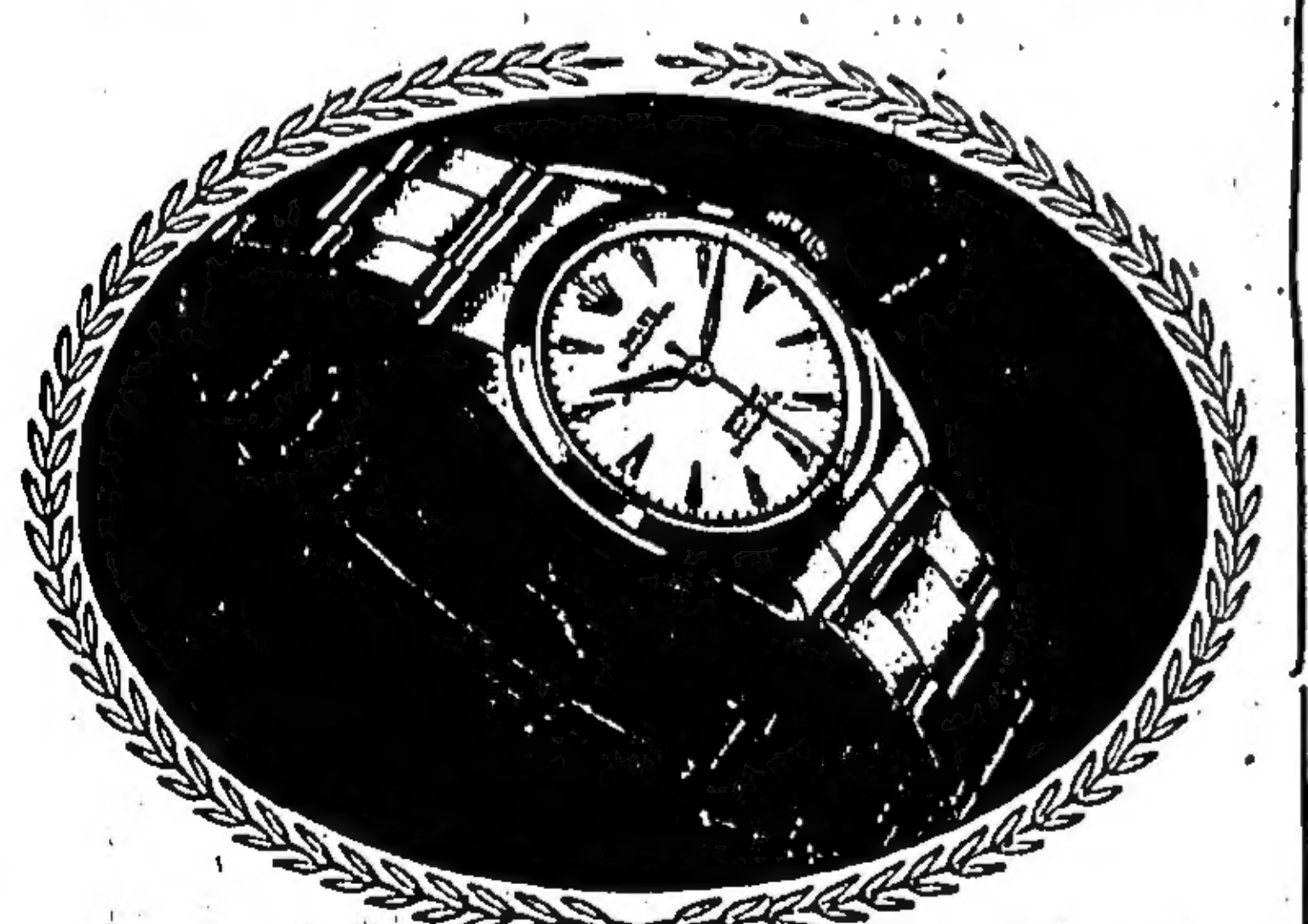
The club will aim to help young couples between 16 and 22—the age group of early marriages which come unstuck soonest."

Said Mrs. Lane: "One of the boys in my club got married a month ago just after his 17th birthday. There's another 17-year-old wedding coming off soon."

"Many youngsters are just not fitted for marriage at that age. But so long as they persist in getting married, we want to try to help them make a go of it."

ERIC SEWELL

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GHANA BEGINS TO FACE HER FREEDOM TROUBLES

"Senyo Antor God Is Good"

THERE is not much to laugh about in Ho Hoe today. Ghana troops crush about in armoured cars. The town is fenced by roadblocks. Outside in the villages people are afraid. Yet one man could steady their hearts and set their feet to dance again.

The man is Mr Senyo (which means "God is Good") Antor, a Methodist schoolteacher who is leader of the Togoland Congress.

I drove 250 miles from Accra on the trail of Antor, through steaming villages where the old ones lay like dead men in the shade of favoured trees past the little shops with names like "Slow but Sure" and "Time will Tell." I had half a dozen narrow escapes from collision with the brutally-driven country buses—trucks crammed with passengers and plastered with "Remember your six feet" (the slogan—"Let me go home, grave? Could I forget on these roads?," "Save me, oh God."

Eventually I traced Antor to the house of one of his friends. Because of the great heat he sat naked to the waist, his African robe bunched round his legs like a skirt, a bulging bracelet wedged between his sandalled feet. We talked. Antor, a lean 43 years, campaigned against the joining of the Trust Territory of British Togoland to the new state of Ghana. A plebiscite last year settled that. By 93,000 to 67,000 the territory chose to go in with Nkrumah.

But Antor carries on to militant agitation for a regional government in Southern Togoland, although the new Antor as distinctly funny. The

government has mistaken hunters' camps for training places of a secret army.

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EIRE—ROMANCE AND REALITY

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Mr. A, the managing director, is discussing a business development scheme with Mr. B, who has risen from office-boy to the position of company secretary by the easy methods of the "yes" man. Mr. B is not aware of the thought-reading machine under Mr. A's desk.

"Well, Mr. B," says Mr. A, "what is your honest opinion of my new idea?"

"I think it's terrible, sir. It has even more vision than all your other brilliant ideas which have put us ahead of our competitors."

"You don't by any chance think my idea is punk and that I'm a bumbling old fool, do you, sir?"

"Yes, sir? Really, sir?" "Or that I ought to retire and make way for a bright young man like yourself?" "Such a thought never entered my head, sir." "Oh yes it did, Mr. B. I will machine here which records your thoughts. At this moment you are thinking I am ugly, overweight, stupid, vain, and pompous. You are very red in the face, Mr. B."

What do you think of my daughter, Mr. B?" "I think, sir, she's the loveliest and most intelligent girl I have ever met."

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Mistakes Add Grief To Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

PAUL HODGE of Abilene, Tex., did not like it when East passed his take-out double of one spade. His hand appeared to be most unsatisfactory to inflict a substantial penalty.

Most players would make the mistake of opening the king of hearts but Paul opened his singleton eight of spades. Incidentally, this lead is absolutely correct. When your partner passes your take-out double a trump lead becomes almost mandatory.

South made the mistake of winning the first trick, and the second mistake of leading the nine of hearts. Paul played the ten but East overtook with the ace and led a second trump. This killed dummy completely.

Declarer tried the diamond suit but he was too late. Hodge

NORTH 19	
♠ 32	
♥ 10864	
♦ 10873	
WEST EAST	
♠ 8	♠ QJ1098
♥ KQJ1064	♥ A2
♦ A32	♦ 975
♣ A94	♣ 652
SOUTH (D)	
♠ AK754	
♥ 873	
♦ KJ	
♣ KQ	
Both vulnerable	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Double Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠ 8	

won with the ace and proceeded to run hearts. East shed two diamonds and one club while South did ruff the fifth heart lead. He could have made an earlier trick if he had laid down a club but he made another mistake and played a second diamond.

East trumped, pulled South's last two trumps and led to Paul's ace of clubs. The four of hearts accounted for the last trick.

Declarer could have saved two tricks by letting the eight of spades hold the first trick and one trick in several different ways. I leave you to figure out those plays if you wish.

♥ CARD Sense ♦

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1 ♠ Double Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠ QJ3 ♠ 10864 ♠ 454
What do you do?
A—Bid two no-trump. The most probable game is in no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
West North East South
1 ♠ Double Redouble ?
You, South, hold:
♠ 654 ♠ 1086 ♠ 1032 ♠ Q84
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

BORN today, you are an individual in your own way. It matters little whether you have opposition or more you struggle, the more fun you have in winning. You thrive on competition, since it gives you a real opportunity to show up your individualistic spirit in the most aggressive light. This modern age when a seeming lack of co-operation can be a handicap. But if you will stick to your guns, you will find that eventually it will pay off!

You have executive ability, of course, and are able to get others to do the routine work which, actually, is so distasteful to one of your temperament. You have a love of science, music and mathematics—three fields which seem far apart but which in reality are more closely related than most people realize. You are a thorough realist.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Properly matters, perhaps involving the affairs of an elderly person, may come up for attention today.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Take care of business affairs with acuteness and see that you do exactly the right things for your benefit.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you have regulated your personal affairs propitiously, then all should go well with you at this time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Follow through and finish a job already begun. Best results today come from familiar tasks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—You can make substantial gains if you are well-directed and based upon tried and true premises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Domestic and home affairs are apt to take up a great deal of time just now. Solve minor problems.

searcher and here your exceptional memory is of great assistance. For a person of your force, you are strangely lacking in aggressive self-confidence. It is as if you had a difficult time becoming a reality. Within yourself, you seem to lack the force to sell your ideas to the outside world. Get over this attitude of you may miss reaching the triumph which the stars say should be rightfully yours.

Among those born on this date were: Charles W. Eliot, early president of Harvard; Neil Dow, prohibition reformer; W. L. George, author; Lucy Mitchell, archaeologist; Sergio Tacchinetti, pianist; and James Schuller, lawyer and historian.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—You may find that expenditures are going over and get a new start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Check assets and liabilities and, if dissatisfied, get a new start. Good health is important. Guard it.

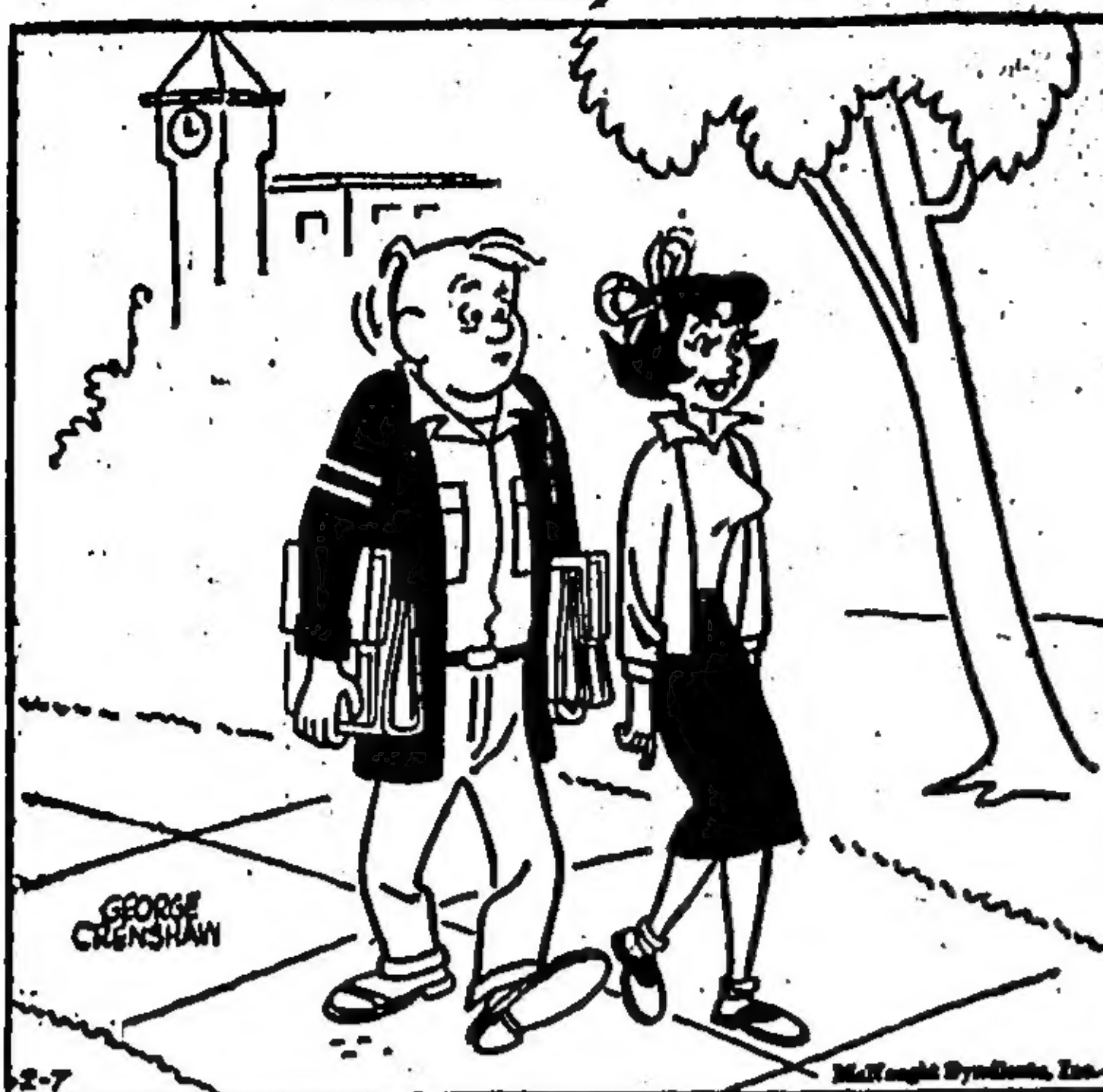
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Nervous and physical energies may be low. Get much-needed rest and relaxation. Revise your point of view.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Although you are in high favour, you must also do your share of hard work to reap the potential benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A contact of broad minds may prove of great help to you in the future. Renew the acquaintance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Get a good grip on things. Act constructively and you will find that you are making good progress now.

This Funny World



"Wouldn't it be wonderful if a girl could collect alimony for just breaking off going steady?"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THERE were sore hearts on Salisbury Plain last week. The scientists who had gone there to make artificial rain were called off.

It would have been a courteous gesture if the water-diviners in the Thames Valley had sent them a message of sympathy.

In passing

IN the present state of bankruptcy of European statesmanship, I suppose the announcement that we had a rocket that could fly at 10,000 miles an hour, 40 miles up, twice round the world, would be regarded as good news. Somebody would then break that record, and there would be no more good news until we had set up another record. By the time the "deterrents" had become really deadly, the excitement would have spread disease to such an extent that nobody would be fit enough to make war. Then a master mind might suggest, tentatively, that there should be negotiations to stop the whole insane business.

Nothing to do with me

SHOE-LACES made of electrified liquorice, to keep the feet warm, were attacked last night in a fighting speech at a meeting of the Northampton Sweetmeat Circle. Said Mrs. Tarrant: "This can only lead to the electrification of butter-scotch to keep the pockets warm. My husband is a shoe-lace manufacturer, and this is a one-sided arrangement as he cannot sell his unwanted laces to confectioners. I have nothing against electrified liquorice, but I would rather have cold feet than mess about with electrified liquorice." Councillor Poodie said: "One might as well electrify carrots to keep donkeys' noses warm." (Laughter.)

In advance of his time

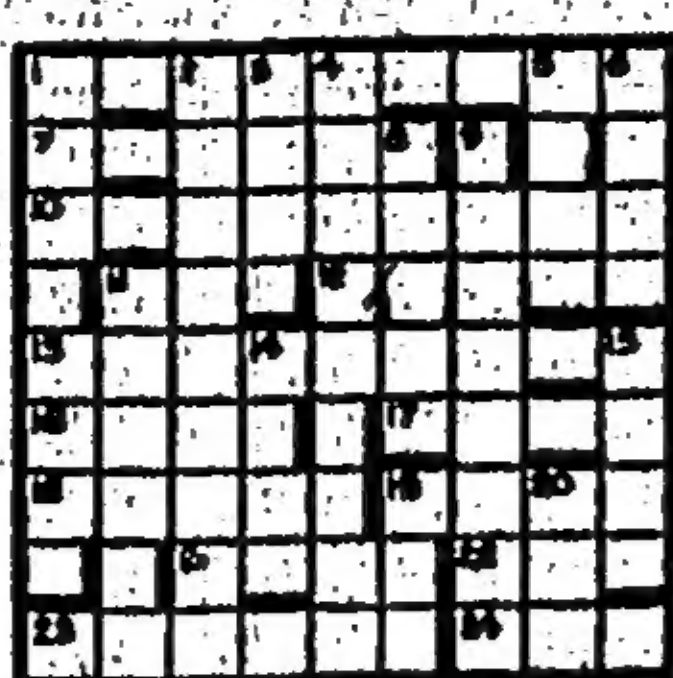
THERE are better uses for stale cheese than the perpetration of spurious artistic

fantasies." In these words a spokesman referred to the inclusion in an exhibition of sculpture of a life-size statue of a Cabinet Minister in superannuated railway cheese. How this vulgar joke evaded the vigilance of the organisers of the exhibition will be the subject of an inquiry. "It is a relief from all this abstract art," commented a stray shipowner.

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? In making each word, use each letter only once. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper nouns. TODAY'S TARGET: R S I U E F D G

CROSSWORD

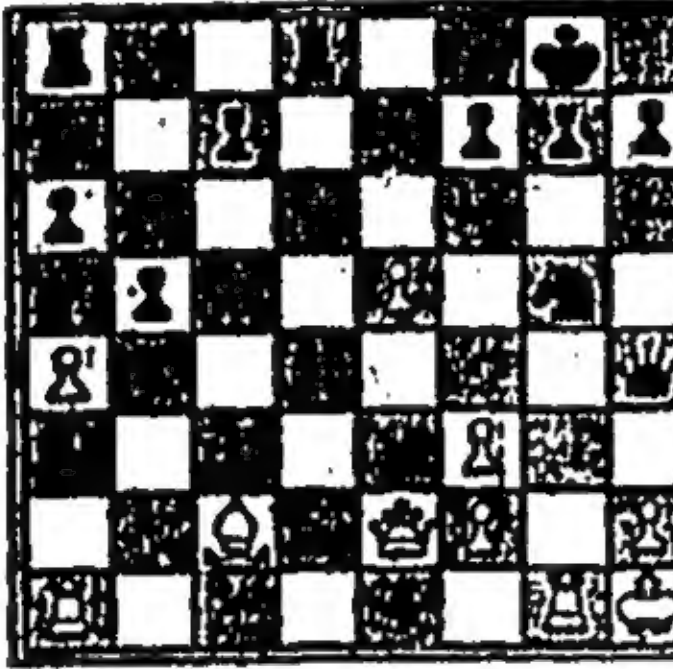


Across
1. Fours over (through). (9)
2. They're nearly bulls' eyes. (5)
3. Big fellow—same as Atlantic. (5)
4. Big. (3)
5. Big and nothing else for the food. (5)
6. In twice returned after a foot has been involved. (5)
7. It's not a written word. (4)
8. Joe along. (4)
9. Start a village with a G.L. at watch inside. (5)
10. He appears in Peter Pan. (4)
11. Dilett choose your weapons. (4)
12. Get ready for the attack. (5)
13. This story may merit better. (5)
14. Go it on players or return the blood. (5)

Down
1. You're certainly not cooking by the side of this around. (3, 5)
2. Sage gets involved with the vines. (9)
3. What's stop. (4)
4. Virginia in short is in trouble. (5)
5. Morning put when potter deserted. (4)
6. Limit the allowance. (5)
7. Look at the head of the table. (4)
8. Mr. Wilber. (5)
9. Mr. Gray. (5)
10. Hold things together. (5)
11. Time goes. (5)
12. Unfold. (5)
13. Time—place. (5)
14. Place. (5)

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play; Black to move and win.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-K6—ingenious cross-checks after the black promotes.

WOMANSENSE



Slender and graceful as a swan is the alhoubette dominant in Manguin's spring-summer collection. Shown above is "Mexico", a two-piece ensemble comprising a dark blue woollen coat lined with blue and white striped cotton, the same material as the high-necked dress. The big straw sombrero is from Claude St-Cyr. — Agency France-Press.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Keep bureau drawers from sticking or squeaking by lubricating the inside edges with petroleum jelly.

Soil on candles can be removed by wiping them with petroleum jelly applied to a soft cloth.

These Dishes Merit A Place In Your Recipe File

ODDMENTS today, but there's nothing odd about their place in the recipe file. All are good for the usual three square meals that homemakers must assemble—day in, day out.

Hamburger Stuffed Onions is a satisfying and thrifty dish.

Scoop centres out of 4 large sweet onions that have been parboiled. Cut centres to bits. Add 1/2 lb. mixed ground beef and veal, 1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning, 1/2 tsp. bread crumbs, salt and pepper to taste, mixing well.

Loosely fill onion cups with hamburger mixture. Dot tops with 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Place in pan with water covering bottom. Bake at 400° F. 35 min.

Here is a tasty veal dish, Veal Roll.

Remove bones removed from shoulder of veal, but be sure to take them home. Spread meat open and flat and season with salt and pepper.

Chop 1 bunch watercress rather fine. Add 1/2 cup minced parsley, 1 finely minced onion, dash red pepper and 1/2 tsp. celery salt.

Spread this filling over the cut side of the meat. Roll in jelly-roll style, folding in the ends of the meat. Tie into firm roll.

Cover with 1 qt. boiling water. Add 1/2 c. vinegar, 1/2 tsp. pickling spices, 1/2 tsp. salt and meat bones. Simmer, covered, for 2 hrs.

Remove meat roll from water. Place in baking pan. Spread the meat with 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Cover with 1/2 c. bread crumbs and season to taste with salt and pepper. Bake at 350° F. for about 45 min., until crumbs are browned.

Remove strings before serving. Serve hot or cold. For a meat dish with cabbage, melt 3 tbs. butter or margarine in skillet with tight-fitting cover. Add 3 c. shredded fresh

cabbage, 1 c. shredded raw carrots, 1/2 c. beef or chicken stock, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper. Cover closely and simmer over low heat for 15 min. or until vegetables are tender. Serves 6.

This is a low-calorie dish, approximating 70 calories for each serving.

—ALICE DENHOFF

Fashionettes

The collegiate pork pie goes high fashion this season. Milliner Mr. John features a feminine reproduction of the men's felt in a red and yellow silk polka dot. The pork pie is just one of the many styles copied from the men's hat racks. Milliner, Lily Dache features the fedora, complete with centre crease, in several fabric hats. One, a red carnation pattern on a white silk background.

Women's Wear Daily, a trade publication of the fashion industry, reports that the cape and "blouson" are leading alhoubettes in children's wear this spring. Capes, said the publication, appear in hordes, from tiny detachables which cover the shoulders of spring coats, to full-length capes and dress ensembles. There also are full-length wool capes and cape suits. Suits and ensembles have bloused backs, even children's shirtwaist dresses show the bloused trend.

Look for various shades of yellow to show throughout spring fashions. Yellow was featured in the collections of designers who previewed their spring clothes during the semi-annual Fashion Press Week in New York. Herbert Sondheim, for example, showed a bold yellow chiton formal. The coat manufacturing firm of Originals used the shade in both daytime and evening coats.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Punch's Wise Parrot

—She Was Too Smart To Give Wrong Answers—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, heard the sound of the voice long before they reached Mr. Punch's room. It was a sharp, harsh, very loud voice.

"Okay, Punchie ol' boy, let's have a cracker!" the voice said. Then it said: "A cracker, a cracker, a cracker..." a dozen times without stopping.

Knarf and Hanid looked at each other. Then they hurried up the stairs into the room.

Bright Feathers

Mr. Punch was sitting in his chair by the window. Next to him, on a high bar, stood a bird with bright feathers and a hooked beak.

"Come in, come in," said the bird. "Have you got a cracker? A cracker, a cracker..."

Mr. Punch smiled and said: "Be quiet, Poll-Lee. Don't be begging everyone for a cracker. It isn't polite."

"Aw, quit it," said Poll-Lee. "If you were as hungry as I am, you'd ask everyone for a cracker, too."

By this time Knarf and Hanid were standing in front of the bird.

"It's my new parrot," said Mr. Punch, pointing at Poll-Lee. "It talks."

"Is it a he or a she parrot?" Hanid wanted to know.

Instead of answering, the parrot put its head under its wing and pretended not to be awake.

Very Wise Bird

"Poll-Lee doesn't want to answer. But I think she's a she," said Mr. Punch in a whisper. "She's a very wise bird."

Then he said in a loud voice, "Aren't you a wise bird?"

Rupert and the Rock Pool—1

After Rupert's adventure with the fishing-rod the square is so pleased that he goes to pay for a seaside holiday for him and his friends. The next day, he and his friends are walking on the Common making their plans when they see their friend not far away. Here's

our chance to say good-bye. Let's catch up with him.

"Hello, you two," the square calls cheerily as they arrive. "You're just the people I want to see. I've a job for you to do while you're at the coast. Come with me to my house and I'll explain."



"Have you got a cracker?" asked Poll-Lee.

"Water is wet. I know why the top of a hill isn't at the bottom. I know everything."

"If you know all those things," said Knarf, "please tell us the answers. We'd like to know, too."

But there was no sound from Poll-Lee. For the third and last time she had put her head under her wing, and no amount of persuasion would make her take it out again.

Mr. Punch smiled and nodded in admiration.

"She's a wise old bird all right. She's the wisest bird in the world."

"But she didn't answer any of those questions."

"That," said Mr. Punch, smiling, "is what makes her so wise. She's too smart to answer them wrong so she doesn't answer them at all. She just goes to sleep."

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SPORTS VIEWPOINT

JAPAN IS RATHER BEHIND
THE TIMES IN HER OUTLOOK
ON TABLE TENNIS

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Japan leads the table tennis world—in the playing sense. But some of the recent reported comments from her top players and officials suggest that she is rather behind the times in her outlook on the sport.

First Ichiro Ogimura tells us that the leading manufacturers and players want sponge banned only to protect their own personally endorsed bats.

Invited For The
Malayan Tour

The names of the 14 cricketers invited to represent Hongkong in the forthcoming tour of Malaya, selected on Sunday evening, were released to the press this morning.

The 14 invited are: F. Findlay (Captain), P. V. Dodge (Vice-Captain).

Capt. H. S. Bedson, Cpl. M. H. Birley, B. C. N. Carnell, B. P. Dhabar, Tpr. W. Greenhalgh, Pte. D. W. Pettit, G. A. Souza, I. L. Stanton, L. J. D'Almada Remedios, Sgt. A. Taylor, Capt. P. D. Tidey, WO D. Welch.

Dutch Girl Lowers
Two World
Swim Records

The Hague, Mar. 19. Tineke Lagerberg, a 16-year-old Netherlands girl, tonight lowered two world butterfly breast-stroke women's swimming records in a 25-metre pool at Naarden.

She clocked 2 minutes, 38.0 seconds over 220 yards, beating the previous world record held by America's Shelly Mann, with 2 minutes, 44.4 seconds, and her own 200 metres record of 2 minutes, 42.3 seconds.

Another Netherlands swimming prodigy, 15-year-old Ada Den Haan, set up a new record for the women's 220 yards orthodox breast-stroke, when she clocked 2 minutes, 50 seconds, the minimum time set by the International Swimming authorities to establish this record.

Tonight's records will be short-lived, because the international authorities have decided that all records set up in 25 metres and other "short" pools will no longer be valid after May 1st this year. Only 50 metres pool performances will be counted.—France-Press.

Good Neighbour
Tennis Tourney
At Miami

Miami Beach, Florida, Mar. 19. Herb Flam swept past two opponents today in the Good Neighbour tennis tournament and most of the other seeded stars advanced without difficulty.

Flam, top-seeded, disposed of John Blackmon, 6-2, 6-4, and L. Col. T. W. Bonney, 6-4, 6-3.

Mervyn Rose and Don Candy, Australians top-seeded in the foreign draw, failed to appear for their scheduled matches, but officials reported they were expected tomorrow.

Vic Solans, seeded second in the Men's Singles, advanced David Harum, 6-3, 6-4, and moved through the second round by default.

Gardner Mulloy, who won his first-round match yesterday, eliminated Jimmy Shakespeare, 6-2, 7-5.

Eddie Moylan, seeded third, beat Ed Bennett, 6-1, 6-4, and then beat Hernandez Sales of Bogota, Colombia, 6-1, 6-3.

Jerry Moss was extended to win from Harry Hoffman, 6-0, 6-4, before dropping Stanley Cohen, 6-0, 6-0.

Carlene Hard, eighth-ranked U.S. woman player and top seeded domestically here, was pushed to three sets by England's Pauline Edwards, before winning 6-0, 4-6, 6-3, to lead seeded players into the third round of the Women's Singles.

In other Men's Singles, Armando Vieira, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, defeated William Alvarez of Colombia, 6-1, 6-4, and Marion Llanos of Mexico City defeated Andre Donnadieu, U.S., 6-1, 6-4.—United Press.

HOME SOCCER

Carlisle, Mar. 19. Carlisle United and Accrington Stanley drew 2-2 in a Third Division North soccer match played here tonight. The score at half time was 1-1.

The match had been postponed from January 6.—Rout.

ICE HOCKEY

London, Mar. 19. The British ice hockey team from Brighton tonight defeated the United States national team by 13-6 in a match at Brighton, Sussex.

Period scores were 1-4, 6-1, 6-0.—France-Press.

SAMMY TRAINS WITH HIS PROTEGE



Olympic Gold Medal flyweight Terry Spinks (right), now a professional, and a newly-refined Sammy McCarthy, who is hoping to become the youngest manager, meet around the punchbag at the Thomas A'Beckett Gymnasium in the Old Kent Road, London. Sammy, who has applied for a manager's licence, was at the gym to help with Terry's training for the youngster makes his professional debut on the Harringay bill next month. McCarthy has followed Spinks' career for some years.—Rout.

SIX DAYS TO THE FLAT RACING SEASON

SMYTH PLAYS DOWN SUCCESS—
BUT HIS HORSES LOOK GOOD

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Epsom trainer Ron Smyth began our interview by bemoaning the fact that he saddled only 16 winners last season. This is a family trait in the Smyths and they

I answered that he would not be building 38 completely new boxes and a brand new house if he was not a successful trainer.

A fine range of boxes have been built and all labour-saving devices employed. Normally at Ron Smyth's stable I expect to find a large number of speedy selling plates, but the tone of the stable is changing and there are some really nice horses who will require a little time.

The Canadian owner, Mr. E. P. Taylor, who has built the finest racecourse in Canada, near Toronto, owns an exceptionally nice three-year-old, OBECOTIVE. This son of Nereo out of the Oaks winner, Steady Aim, cost 5,800 guineas as a yearling and has yet to see a racecourse.

He is a brother in blood to Immortal, who did not reach his best until he was a four-year-old. Objective was an enormous yearling, but he has now grown up to his size and is a most attractive colt.

From his breeding and his looks he could be anything, and although the trainer has done little with him to date it will be surprising if he does not win good races. And he could easily become a classic colt.

Mr. Taylor also owns two fillies worthy of mention—the three-year-old ATOTFA and the two-year-old TULARIA.

Atotfa ran three times last season, although she did not win, she performed with credit and is sure to win this season. Tularia is a daughter of Tulyor on the small side but perfectly proportioned. This is a most attractive filly. Though,

as the trainer said, he wishes she was two inches taller.

GOLDEN CITY was rather disappointing last season. In that she won only one race. She was bad at the gate but ran quite well and is likely to score again. She is owned by Mr. Gibson, the Tottenham bookmaker, who also owns one of the finest two-year-olds in the stable, HINWOOD, a son of Krakatoa.

The trainer will be sending a strong team to Lincoln including POMPEIENNE, very fit from hurdling, CANDE, a winner of three races last season, RIO, a son of Panprama, who began last season in Paddy Fender's stable and ARGOSY TOYAL, a Golden Cloud colt, who will run in the Brockley Slakes. Chief is very forward.

Another most attractive two-year-old is LLOYD, a typical son of Clive Soave. Lloyd will not be long in coming to hand. He cost only 400 guineas, but there are plenty of four-figure purchases who would be willingly exchanged with this colt. If Lloyd is not a winner there is no sense in looking at horses.

A two-year-old who will not reach his best until the autumn is LANCE. This pleasing colt is one to note.

DIOPHES is a useful-looking son of Migoli who ran twice in the All-England Buckton Championships, which begin at Wimbledon tomorrow, for the fourth time and make the trophy his own property.

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The tournament, which has attracted a record entry of 240, is regarded as the unofficial world championship.—France-Press.

stable, but the son of Chamossaire comes from Radio Star who is a prolific winner producer, and Deep Red will make his mark in time.

At the end of the season Ron Smyth will, certainly not admit to having done well, whatever the record of his horses, but I shall be very surprised if his owners are not fully satisfied with this season's results.

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Eddie Choong
Likely To Win
All-England
Singles Title

London, Mar. 19. Eddie Choong, the little 25-year-old "law student" from Malaya, has a splendid opportunity to win the Men's Singles in the All-England Buckton Championships, which begin at Wimbledon tomorrow, for the fourth time and make the trophy his own property.

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"Hat Trick" King

Sam Loman, centre forward of Langley FC in the Bedford (Lancs) Amateur League, has scored 38 goals in his fourteen matches this season. That total includes five "hat tricks" two fours, and a five. Only six times has he been held to fewer than three goals.

That Medal
Changes Life
Of Brasher

By BOB FERRIER

How fares Chris Brasher? Mr Brasher, as you may recall, is our erudite steepclimber who ran and jumped to better effect than the best of the rest of the world at Melbourne and gave us the first British Olympic track success in umpteen years.

And since Brasher's success in the Games came just three months ago, it seemed to me a good time to offer a report on the aftermath, and how the 196 and 200 lbs of Brasher have changed.

As he sits a rising young oil company executive in these straitened times, Brasher is brisk, businesslike, very much to the point.

"I had been fooling around in athletics without much success in such a way that a year before Melbourne I decided to have a real final crack at it.

"Life became a round of work, training, and, too often, too little sleep, too little time for personal interests, too little time for my friends. I kept counselling myself that after Melbourne I could relax and enjoy these things. It hasn't happened that way.

"Now I find I have less free time, see less of my friends, and get even less sleep than ever before."

Brasher's current score is one invitation accepted from every 10 he receives—and even at that he is involved in the social and laudatory swim at least five evenings a week.

Brasher, of course, was the gent always just out of focus when the cameras hit the track. Brasher—Chataway, Brasher, but since Melbourne, he has been in the full glare of the public spotlight, from lunch at the Mansion House all the way to Lime Grove.

He finds it all exciting, stimulating, and, besides, very tiring. Like so many of his generation, Brasher relishes a variety of off-time interests. He likes climbing. He worships ballet. Port Melbourne, he has seen one play. He has seen no ballet.

He is still dunned by the dragons of newspaper and television life, and he counters it all with a certain resigned, optimistic melancholia. "One never complains, of course," he says, with a look that makes the statement aggressively obvious, "and, in any case, it is sickening off slightly now."

On top of all this, he has to "pick up business contacts" issued during that three-month Olympic hiatus.

The future? Would that little gold bauble he brought home from Australia, open the doors of life for him?

We both agreed it might, but we both disagreed enough to let it go at that. For Brasher, as for everyone else, there will be work.

But, in addition, he hopes to "write a bit" on climbing and athletics, but mostly just of "people and places and things."

In the meantime, Chris Brasher had to dash off. To a luncheon appointment.

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COLONY BADMINTON

Lee Wing-foon
In Open
Singles Final

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Youth played a dominant role in this year's Senior Open Singles Championship. Last night the recently crowned Junior Singles Champion, Lee Wing-foon of the Chung Cheong Club, became the first junior player to enter the Open Singles final when he eliminated last year's runner-up, M. A. Ebrahim, with convincing scores of 15-3, 15-5.

Ebrahim, with convincing scores of 15-3, 15-5, was expected to last 15 minutes at the IRC court.

Lee Wing-foon will meet the 1956 Triple Junior Champion, George Ma, in the final for the night's play. This clash promises some very interesting badminton of championship class as both players are of about the same standard and the custody of the Singles title will hinge on the night's form.

M. A. Ebrahim's showing last night was totally unexpected result as fans had anticipated an easy victory for this Borneo-born player. The humiliating defeat in straight sets by a junior bird-chaser indicated that Ebrahim has passed his peak as far as competitive singles play is concerned.

Craigower's Miss Helen Kwong entered the final of the Women's Singles with an easy straight sets victory of 11-1, 11-0 over Miss A. Hunter.

Miss Kwong, the defending Triple Champion, played a very forceful match, in which she excelled in her strong backhand returns and neat placements that had her opponent running back and forth in the court.

On her showing Miss Kwong looks set for a repeat performance in this year's Championships and the only obstacle in her path to winning the three major titles will be Miss Ulan Khoo who is most likely to overcome Diana Yung in tonight's Singles semi-final.

Results of last night's games were:

Men's Singles: Lee Wing-foon beat M. A. Ebrahim, 15-3, 15-5.

Women's Doubles: K.C. Wong and George Ma beat T.T. Chin and K.W. Hunter, 15-3, 15-7.

Ladies' Singles Doubles: Mrs. M. Gonsalves and Mrs. O. Silva beat Mrs. M. Rozario and Mrs. T. Champs, 15-10, 15-10.

Senior Mixed Doubles: K.S. Low and Ulan Khoo beat Siu Chuen and Tsui Yuen-chun 15-9, 15-7.

R. Tay and Diana Yung beat M. T. Lam and Dorothy Lam 17-15, 10-3.

Seniors' Ladies' Singles: Helma Kwong beat Mrs. P. A. Hunter 11-1, 11-2.

TONIGHT'S GAMES AT IRC 30.0 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles: K. Y. Siu and Miss W. K. Chan v George Ma and Helen Kwong.

8.45 p.m. Senior Ladies' Singles: Diana Yung v Ulan Khoo.

8.45 p.m. Senior Ladies' Doubles: Helma Kwong and Mrs. P. A. Hunter v Mrs. M. Gonsalves and D. Lam.

9.15 p.m. Senior Ladies' Doubles: Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-yue v Mrs. O. Silva and Mrs. M. Gonsalves.

9.45 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles: R. Tay and R. Yung v George Ma and K. C. Wong.

THURSDAY AT CCC 7.30 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles: Helma Kwong and Miss W. K. Chan v K.S. Low and Ulan Khoo.

8 p.m. Senior Men's Singles: Fitch, George Ma v Lee Wing-foon.

8.30 p.m. Senior Ladies' Doubles semi-final: Helma Kwong and Mrs. P. A. Hunter v Mrs. P. A. Hunter and D. Lam.

8.45 p.m. Senior Men's Singles: Diana Yung v Y. Y. Chan or Mrs. O. Silva and Mrs. M. Gonsalves.

9 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles semi-final: Subvut and Subvut v K.S. Low and M.A. Ebrahim.

9.30 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles semi-final: R. Tay and Diana Yung v G. Ma and K. C. Wong.

9.45 p.m. Senior Ladies' Singles: Helma Kwong v R. Tay and R. Yung.

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Graham's Trial Run

A GROUP stood outside a house in Hampstead, admiring a handsome car. Beside the car, a curly-haired, 17-year-old named Graham stood, lapping up the admiration, delighted at the impact the car had made on his girl, who was one of the group, and her brother and sister-in-law.

"And that's your uncle's car?" Graham's girl said, in awe. He nodded.

"And you're his favourite nephew?"

Graham nodded again. His girl looked at her brother and his wife, seeking acknowledgment of her fortune in finding such a boy.

WELL, we'd better be off," the girl's brother said, taking his wife's arm.

"Where you heading?" Graham asked.

"Luton."

"I'll run you there," said Graham. His popularity rating soared.

He drove the couple whom he hoped would one day be his in-laws to Luton. On his way home, at Harpenden, the car ran out of petrol. As Graham tinkered with the engine a policeman came up. "That car," he began, "was reported stolen in London."

TO IMPRESS At Clerkenwell, Graham's girl was taking him to the magistrate. "Anything happened to it?" Mr. Powell asked.

"The 17th, there are four young boys of guilt, one of them convicted as an adult," a policeman said.

Flag Welcome

(Continued from Page 1)

about the Anglo-French-Israeli withdrawal from Egypt last November after Britain and France had used the veto in the Security Council.

Mr. Macmillan will also urge the President to take steps to ease the trade embargo with China, but observers on the spot believe that there is little chance of any concession on the part of the President.

A year ago President Eisenhower promised Sir Anthony Eden to study the problem of trade with China, but the restrictions are still in force.

MAJOR PROBLEM

They are also likely to review the United States objection to China's Communist membership in the United Nations. Britain, although recognising the Communist Government, has continued to support the United States' stand against Chinese membership — an issue which is almost sure to become a major problem at the next UN General Assembly session in September. — China Mail Special.

Triad Society Members Sent To Gaol

Six youths, who admitted being members of various triad societies, were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Magistracy this morning.

In addition they were ordered to be placed under police supervision for 18 months.

Defendants were Tung Hung-kee, 19; Li Po-wah, 21; Ho Chuen-fai, 18; Tong Pak-on, 17; Chan Wing, 23, and Li Kwok-fung, 21.

Sub-insp. K. M. Chan, stated in Court that about 9 p.m. on March 18, a party of detectives on patrol duty saw defendants in O'Brien Road near Johnston Road. They were having an argument over repayment of a debt, said Mr. Chan.

As a result, detectives took them to the Eastern police station where defendants admitted to be members of the Tung San Wo, Wo Shing Wo and Wo Kwai Lok triad societies.

Another man, Chan Pang, 29, who appeared before the same Magistrate for a similar offence was given the same sentence.

Chan was said to be a member of the Luen Ying Triad Society.

Made False Report

Li Chun, 46, residing at No. 220 Queen's Road West, ground floor, was fined \$50 or two weeks by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to causing a public mischief.

The Court was informed that at 4.30 p.m. on March 19, defendant made a report to the Upper Levels police station stating that he had been robbed of \$442 between 1.30 p.m. and 1.35 p.m. that day on Des Voeux Road West. The report was sent to the Western police station.

A Chinese detective constable who was detailed to make enquiries questioned defendant who admitted that he was instructed by his employer, Lam Sui-fan, to pay an account of \$422 to the Lam Ping Chun tea shop, 23 Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, but that on his way to the tea house, he saw a crowd gathering near Wing Lok Wharf, joined in, and lost all the money.

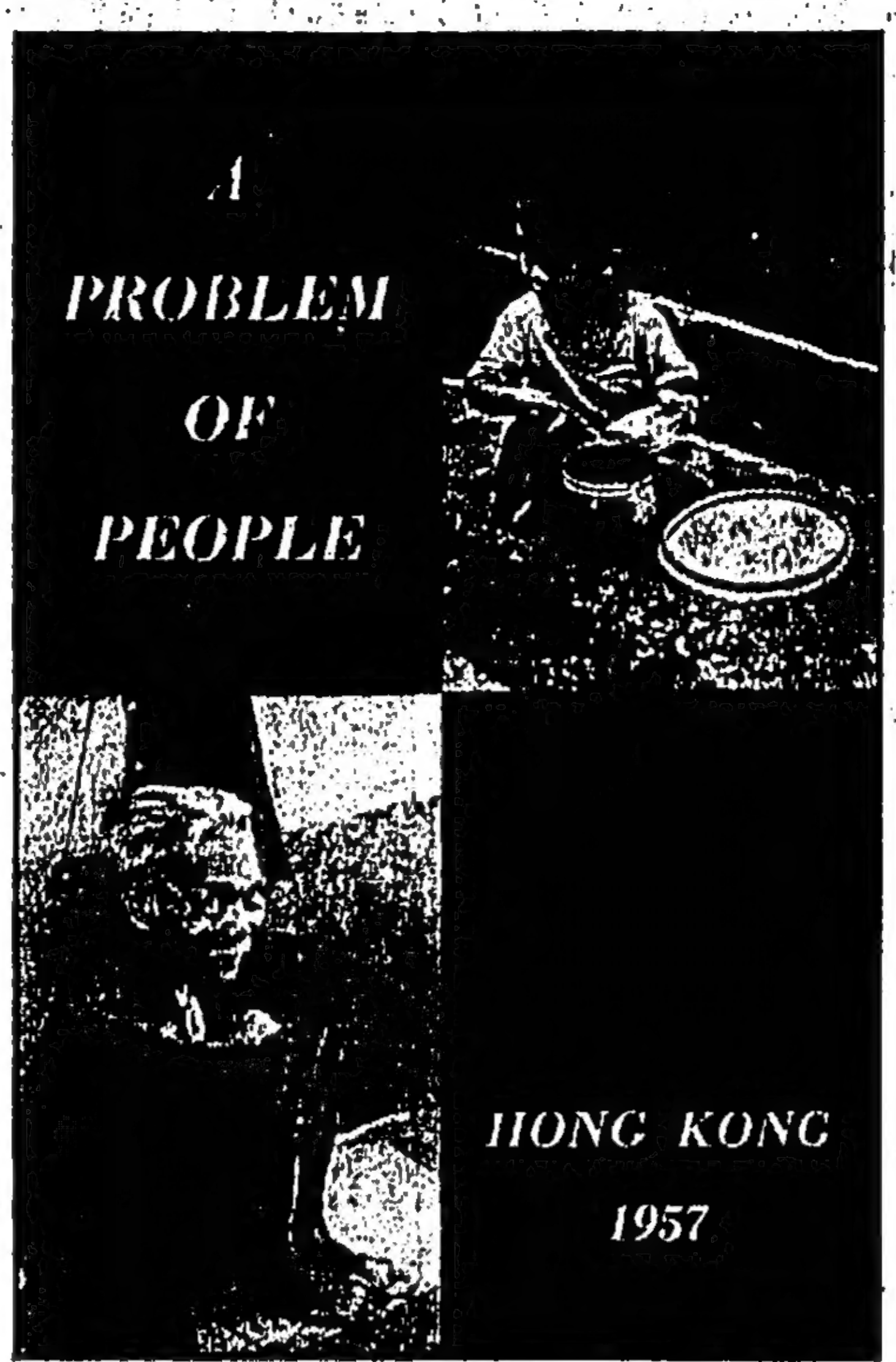
Hit Woman With Iron Weight

Won Sai-luen, 18-year-old fish stall fiddler, of 118 Main Street, second floor, Apichau, was fined \$20 by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning for common assault.

Defendant who pleaded guilty was alleged to have struck Chan Nui, a woman, with an iron weight at Apichau Market.

It was stated in Court that the incident took place when the complainant approaching the fish stall complaining that defendant always gave short weight. An argument followed and accused then hit the woman with an iron weight.

It's Going Around The World



Here is the striking cover of the pamphlet officially published by Government which tells the story of Hongkong's tremendous problem of housing and resettling its refugees. The pamphlet, on sale locally at \$1 a copy, is skillfully illustrated, and thousands of copies are being sent overseas for widespread distribution.

COURT SEQUEL TO FATAL ACCIDENT

As a result of a fatal traffic accident which occurred on January 2 at the junction of Wanchai Road and Morrison Hill Road, Kwong Pak-kong, 20, was this morning fined \$1,000 or three months in prison by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy.

A boy and a woman were also knocked down in the same mishap.

Kwong, of Yuk Shau Street, first floor, was found guilty of driving a car in a manner dangerous to the public. A charge of driving without due care and attention was dismissed.

He was represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Company.

The accident took place when the defendant was driving his car along Morrison Hill Road on January 2. He turned left into Wanchai Road and knocked down a man, a boy and a woman. They were sent to the Queen Mary Hospital and the man later died.

Kwong, in his own defence this morning, said that when he saw a car coming from the opposite direction at high speed he had to swerve immediately to avoid a collision. In doing so, he knocked down a man and a boy. He added that at the time he lost his head, and was very frightened. He said that if he had not swerved to the right he would have collided with the oncoming car.

"I felt very much regret after this accident," defendant said to the Magistrate.

In addition to the sentence, defendant's licence was ordered to be endorsed, and he was also disqualified from holding a licence for 12 months.

Fog Interrupts Air Services

Fog shrouded the approaches to Kai Tak airport this morning and grounded all outward commercial flights. These flights, scheduled to depart at 10 a.m., were all cancelled.

BOAC—for Bangkok and London; CPAL—for Tokyo; CPA—for Manila; BOAC—for Tokyo; HKA—for Manila; PAA—for Tokyo; TAC—for Tokyo.

There were three arrivals at Kai Tak during a break in the fog.

The CPA flight from Saigon and Singapore was diverted to Manila.

Just before noon visibility at the airport was about one mile and the cloud ceiling about 550 feet.

Mail Notices

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Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
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Philippines, 1 p.m.
Pakistan, India, East Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

Appeal Against District Court Decision Dismissed

The Full Court this morning dismissed with costs an appeal against a District Judge's decision on matters arising out of a Tenancy Tribunal application.

The Court comprised the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice M. J. Hogan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Grogan.

The appellant, Tung Sai-on, who was the applicant at the Tribunal hearing, was represented by Mr. V. L. J. D'Almeida, instructed by Mr. D. E. D'Almeida Remedios, of J. M. D'Almeida Remedios and Co.

Mr. Oswald Chung represented the respondent, Tung Kwok-yim, instructed by Mr. P. C. Woo.

THREE QUESTIONS

Reading out the judgment, Mr. Justice Hogan said, in part:

"Following on an appeal to the District Court from the decision of the Tenancy Tribunal in this matter, the District Court has at the request of the appellant submitted the following questions for the opinion of this Court:—(1) Whether, when a building and/or premises as a whole has been shown to satisfy the requirements laid down in Section 3(1)(b) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, Chapter 255 of Hongkong, the said Ordinance can be construed in law to confer powers of apportionment of the total cost of repairs to a particular portion or portions of the whole of the building and/or premises having regard to the provision of Section 3(1)(b) and/or to the said Ordinance as a whole.

(2) Whether, if the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, Chapter 255, Laws of Hongkong, can be construed so as to confer powers of apportionment, the principles adopted by the learned Presiding Judge in his decision are the correct principles, having regard to the provisions of Section 3(1)(b) and/or to the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, Chapter 255, Laws of Hongkong, as a whole.

(3) Whether the meaning of the words 'effect' and 'reasonably habitable' can in law be held to bear the construction placed upon them by the learned Presiding Judge in his decision having regard to the terms of Section 3(1)(b) and/or of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance Chapter 255 as a whole.

"Section 3(1) of the Ordinance provides that it shall not apply to (b) any premises which after the 16th day of August, 1945, have remained continuously untenanted; and which after the coming into force of this Ordinance have been rendered habitable by extensive repairs effected at the expense of the landlord."

"It is also provided by Section 3(2) of the Ordinance that when there is any doubt or dispute as to whether such premises are exempted from the application of this Ordinance by any of the provisions of subsection (1), the same may be determined by a tribunal on the application of a landlord or tenant."

NOT RELEVANT

"It appears that in the present instance, application has been made to a Tenancy Tribunal for a declaration that specified premises come within the exception, and that it was the duty of the Tenancy Tribunal to determine whether the particular premises in question satisfied the requirements laid down in Section 3(1)(b).

"It is difficult to see what relevance exists between that duty and the first question put to us, since it contains no precise indication of the relationship between the premises mentioned in the question and the premises in respect of which the application had been made. Counsel for the appellant, in the course of his argument, consequently decided to withdraw the request to answer this question."

"As regards the second question, it appears that the subject matter of the application with which the Tribunal was concerned was the ground floor only of a larger building consisting of three floors known as No. 19 Sai Yuen Lane, and that repairs had been made to the sub-basement of this building. The question the Tribunal had to determine was the cost of the repairs which had been effected to the ground floor, since that floor was the subject matter of the application, and in determining this question the Tribunal had to bear in mind the definition given in the second part of Section 3(1)(b), which opens with the words 'For the purpose of this paragraph the means repairs wholly necessary for rendering the premises reasonably habitable and in respect of which...'

"Counsel before us are agreed on the view from which we see no reason to dissent, that the cost of proving the cost of these repairs would rest on the person in this case the landlord, seeking to establish the exemption or exception provided by Section 3(1)(b).

QUESTION OF FACT

"The determination of the cost of these repairs is a pure question of fact to be determined in accordance with the evidence placed before the Tenancy Tribunal. As, however, some of the evidence placed before the Tribunal in this case showed the cost not merely of repairing the ground floor constituting the premises, but the cost of repairing the whole building of which this floor formed a part, it was necessary for the Tribunal to satisfy itself as to how much of this cost was incurred for the purpose of effecting repairs to the ground floor. In discharging this task the Tribunal decided to allot and apportion these costs in the same way as they had been allotted and apportioned by the District Court in Tenancy Tribunal Appeals 77 and 78/55.

"Counsel for the appellant contends that this is an erroneous method of ascertaining the cost of repairing a particular floor forming part of a larger structure the whole of which has been repaired. He contends that in such circumstances the fairest and most appropriate method of determining the cost of repairing any particular portion of the whole is to divide the cost of repairing the whole by a figure equivalent to that proportion which the floor, the subject matter of the application, bears to the whole building."

DIFFICULT METHOD

"When pressed to indicate in what respect the method adopted by the District Court in Tenancy Tribunal Appeals 77 and 78/55 was erroneous or failed to do justice, Counsel tended to confine himself to the argument that the method in question had not been applied consistently in the past, and that it was a difficult method to apply consistently and that therefore the method advocated on behalf of the appellant was preferable."

"Counsel for the Respondent on the other hand contends that the method used by the Tribunal in the present case, following the guidance afforded by the judgment in Tenancy Tribunal Appeals 77 and 78/55, was not only right and proper method to use in the present case but was the only right and proper method to use in all cases."

"It seems to us, that in determining a question of fact, a Court or Tribunal must be free, subject only to any presumption prescribed by law, to adopt that method of analysing and appreciating the evidence which is in the opinion of the Court or Tribunal best calculated to determine the issue of fact before it."

PROPER METHOD

"We see no reason to differ from the view of the Tenancy Tribunal and the District Court that that was a proper and suitable method of determining the cost of the repairs effected to the present application."

"As regards the third question put to us, it appears that the District Court has followed the interpretation of Section 3(1)(b) laid down by Charles D. J. in his judgment in Tenancy Tribunal Appeal No. 13 when he said:

"The provision clearly prescribes that the premises must have been rendered habitable by extensive repairs 'effected', not 'commenced', after the amending Ordinance which granted the exemption came into operation. If the premises were not reasonably habitable before that date, the condition is satisfied, although the repairs to make them reasonably habitable had been already commenced. If, on the other hand, the premises had been made reasonably habitable before that date, the condition has not been satisfied although all the repairs contemplated for, or otherwise contemplated, had not been completed by then."

TRIBUNAL UPHHELD

"In the present case, the Tenancy Tribunal is alleged to have ruled that, as the evidence showed, that the condition before that date, the condition has not been satisfied although all the repairs contemplated for, or otherwise contemplated, had not been completed by then."

mean that only part, even though it be the greater part, of the work necessary to render the premises habitable had been done before May 23, we would not have agreed with it. It would have been consistent with the view propounded by the District Court. But it appears that what the Tenancy Tribunal intended to convey by those words and the test which it has in practice applied was whether the repairs effected prior to May 23, 1947, even though further repairs may have been effected after that date, were by themselves sufficient to render the premises reasonably habitable before May 23, 1947.

"On the evidence before it, which included evidence from the contractor that the repairs to the whole building of which the premises in question formed a part, had been completed about a week before June 2, 1947, the Tenancy Tribunal held the landlord had failed in his effort to prove that the repairs to the premises, necessary to render them habitable, had been effected before May 23, 1947, and we see no reason to think that it was wrong in law in coming to that decision."

"The appeal is dismissed with costs, which will include the costs of the application for the certificate under S. 20 (a) and of settling the case stated."

Women & Child Victimised

Two women and a child were victims in three snatching cases in Kowloon yesterday.

At ten o'clock in the morning, a Chinese boy was detained in connection with the snatching of a silver chain from the wrist of a child being carried on the mother's back in Kowloon Street. In the afternoon, a Chinese woman had her wrist watch snatched in Yim Po Fong Street and several hours later a man snatched a purse from a woman pedestrian near the Kwong Wah Hospital in Nathan Road.

On Hongkong Island, two men had their pockets picked while travelling on board trains in Shaukiwan yesterday.

Radio Hongkong

12.30 "Women Only". A weekly magazine introduced by Linda Lee. Time Signal, Programme Summary, Time Signal, 12.30. News: 1.00. Commentaries presented by Margaret, 1.30. The News: 1.00. Commentary or Spot Press Item: 1.15. Comedy Courtship in Calling Miss Courtney: 1.30. The News: 1.45. Gladys Cooper: 1.45. Letter from America by Alan: 1.55. Time for Jazz: 2.00. The News: 2.15. "Paris After Dark": 2.30. The News: 2.45. The News: 2.55. The News: 3.00. The News: 3.15. The News: 3.30. The News: 3.45. The News: 3.55. The News: 4.00. The News: 4.15. The News: 4.30. The News: 4.45. The News: 4.55. The News: 5.00. The News: 5.15. The News: 5.30. The News: 5.45. The News: 5.55. The News: 6.00. The News: 6.15. The News: 6.30. The News: 6.45. The News: 6.55. The News: 7.00. The News: 7.15. The News: 7.30. The News: 7.45. The News: 7.55. The News: 8.00. The News: 8.15. The News: 8.30. The News: 8.45. The News: 8.55. The News: 9.00. The News: 9.15. The News: 9.30. The News: 9.45. The News: 9.55. 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